

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is un-American, undemocratic, and an affront to me as a 29-year broadcasting veteran. It is not about the content (which I may or may not disagree with). However, unless the message is paid for, airing a clearly-partisan political message without offering equal time of equal quality is a violation of FCC law and, more important, of the spirit of public airwaves and fair elections.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Forcing their political opinion on a divided public in a highly-partisan manner does a grave disservice to the public, as well as being of questionable legality.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.